

(Circular.)

BLUE BOOK DEPARTMENT,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MONTREAL,

31st December, 1845.

Sir,

With reference to the Extract on the other side, from a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to which your attention is very particularly directed, I am commanded, by the Governor-General, to transmit to you the accompanying form of Return, and to request you will have the goodness to insert in it the information required by Her Majesty's Government, respecting your Appointments, Emoluments, &c., for the current year, and return it to me with the least possible delay.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

T. D. HARRINGTON,

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EXTRACT of a Despatch from the Right Honourable LORD JOHN RUSSELL, Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated Downing Street, 4th March, 1841.

" I propose for the future, to lay before Parliament the Colonial Blue
" Books, as well as the Governors' Annual Reports on the State of the Colonies,
" under the heads into which the Blue Books are divided, accompanied by a list of
" those Colonies from which these Returns and Reports shall not have been made.
" You will, therefore, I am well persuaded, co-operate with me in the object which
" I have in view, by omitting no effort which may be necessary to prevent the Colony
" under your Government from appearing in those lists.

" It is my duty to impress upon you, with the utmost earnestness, the
" necessity of bestowing your most serious attention on the subject, and of doing
" every thing in your power to secure a prompt and effectual obedience thereto.

" It may happen that the Secretary may, from the default of other Public
" Officers, be unable to complete the Returns within the prescribed period. In
" every such event, you will direct him to transmit the Book in its complete state,
" reporting the omissions of which he has to complain; and until these omissions
" are supplied, you will suspend the payment of the Salary of any Officer
" to whom they may be imputable, until the duty shall have been satisfactorily
" performed."